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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS: GOT MINAGRICULTURE AND PARTY.

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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF SAMUELSON RETURNED TO TURKEY
AUGUST 14 AFTER COMPLETION OF GENEVA AND NETHERLANDS
PORTION OF VISIT AND DEPARTURE OF GROUP TO US. BOTH STOPS
IN EUROPE WENT VERY WELL WITH GROUP RECEIVING VIP TREATMENT
THROUGHOUT VISITS. TURKISH AMBASSADOR MET GROUP AT BOTH
STOPS AND AT LEAST ONE TURKISH OFFICER FROM EACH EMBASSY
ACCOMPANIED GROUP THROUGOUT VISIT. DESPITE VERY LATE OFFICIAL
NOTIFICATION GIVEN TO BOTH US AND TURKISH MISSION IN GENEVA,
PROGRAM WAS WELL ARRANGED AND DISCUSSIONS BELIEVED TO BE
VERY USEFUL. AKZO PHARMA PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM IN
NETHERLANDS ARRANGED EXCELLENT PROGRAM INCLUDING VISIT TO
DIOSYNTH FACTORY IN APELDOORN. END SUMMARY.

2. INTERNATIOANL VISITORS GROUP, HEADED BY MINAGRICULTURE,
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MET IN GENEVA AT NOON AUGUST 8 BY TURKISH AMBASSADOR
YAVUZALP AND SEVERAL TURKISH MISSION STAFF MEMBERS. GROUP
WAS ALSO MET BY CAVANNAUGH OF US MISSION AND DR. GARRISON
FROM UN LABORATORY. GROUP VISITED UN FOR MEETINGS WITH DR.
GEORGE LING, DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND THEN
WENT TO NARCOTICS LABORATORY FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS.

2. ON SECOND DAY IN GENEVA, IV'S VISITED UN OFFICES AND VIEWED FILM MADE IN TURKEY CALLED "THE TAMING OF A FLOWER". TURKISH AMBASSADOR HELD A LUNCHEON AT HIS RESIDENCE FOR GRUP AND UN STAFF.

3. ON ARRIVAL IN AMSTERDAM AUGUST 10 GROUP WAS MET BY AKZO PHARMA REPRESENTATIVES, TURKISH AMBASSADOR OZDEMIR BENER AND HIS COMMERCIAL STAFF. AFTER MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF AKZO PHARMA, THE FOLLOWING DAY THE GROUP DROVE TO APELDOORN, SITE OF DIOSYNTH POPPY STRAW FACTORY THAT HAS TRADITIONALLY PROCESSED GREAT PART OF TURKISH POPPY CAPSULES INTO OPIATES. DIOSYNTH REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED CONTINUED INTEREST IN TURKISH STRAW. AFTER VISIT TO FACTORY GROUP TRAVELLED TO AMSTERDAM WHERE IV'S MET WITH DUTCH MINAGRICULTURE OFFICIALS. THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY PARTICIPANTS AS INFORMAL AND OF A COURTESY NATURE.

4. COMMENT: FROM ALL INDICATIONS GROUP IS VERY INTERESTED IN THIS TRIP AND WHAT CAN BE LEARNED. MINISTER AND GENERAL DIRECTOR OF TMO TAKE NOTES, ASK QUESTIONS, AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES FREELY IN ALL DISCUSSIONS. MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED AT EACH STOP HIS THANKS TO THE USG FOR MAKING THE TRIP POSSIBLE AND INCLUDING THE IMPORTANT AND USEFUL STOPS IN GENEVA AND THE NETHERLANDS. WHILE GOT RECENTLY BECAME AWARE OF OVER-PRODUCTION PROBLEMS, THE INITIAL STOPS HAVE HELPED CONFIRM THIS AWARENESS AND PROVIDED MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION. AN
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INFORMAL BREAKFAST WAS HELD IN GENEVA WITH INCB REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS WORLD PRODUCTION/DEMAND DATA.

5. MINAGRICULTURE HAS AN EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER TWO VISITORS AND ALL THREE ARE CLOSE FRIENDS. THE MINISTER IS OBVIOUS LEADER OF GROUP AND DOES MOST OF THE TALKING, CALLING ON OTHER TWO FOR COMMENTS OR HELP AS NEEDED. ALL THREE GROUP MEMBERS HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN EMBASSY ESCORT/INTERPRETER AND HAVE REQUESTED THAT HE HANDLE ALL FUNDS, PAY ALL BILLS AND KEEP ACCOUNTS. ALL LOOK TO ESCORT FOR GUIDANCE. WE BELIEVE EMBASSY ESCORT/INTERPRETER, OZDEMIR, SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ALL PROGRAMMING DISCUSSIONS AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS PRIMARY CONTACT POINT FOR GROUP. DILLON

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